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Leaving UNC For Viet Nam

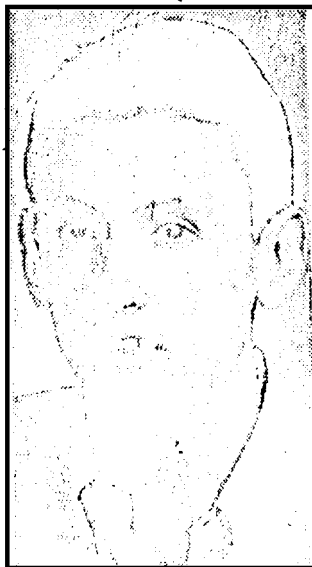
CHAPEL HILL — A

tall, lanky University of North Carolina graduate student, who has spent most of his college life "running from basketball coaches," will spend the summer in the hinterlands of Viet Nam assisting with welfare programs sponsored by the United States.

Lawrence "Buck" Grinter stands a towering 6'6" and isn't likely to go unnoticed—even in the remote areas of Viet Nam. He is one of 30 graduate students in the United States selected for the Agency for International Development's summer project in Viet Nam.

A total of 340 graduate students applied for the State Department program. The 30 students were selected following two screening processes and clearance by the Central Intelligence Agency.

A native of Gainesville, Fla., Buck is working on a masters degree in international relations at UNC. He plans to write his thesis on



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some facet of the Viet Nam conflict.

Buck was graduated in 1963 from the University of Florida, where he played on the freshman basketball team. Armed with a degree in mathematics and political

science, he joined the Peace Corps and was sent to Sierra Leone, Africa, for two years as a math teacher. He entered the University here last fall.

The State Department sent 19 graduate students to Viet Nam last summer as participants in the AID program. Their work was so successful that nearly twice that number are being sent this summer.

Buck admits that curiosity prompted him to apply for the program. His tasks there, he believes, will be similar to those being carried out by the War on Poverty here in the United States.

"I'm especially interested in Southeast Asia," Buck explains. "This trip will enable me to broaden my understanding of the area."

After two days of orientation in Washington he will arrive in Saigon this week. He will return to the UNC campus in September to continue his studies.